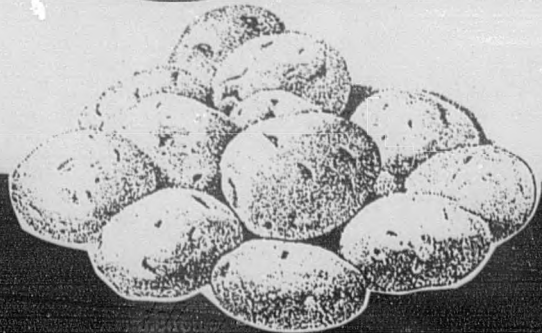


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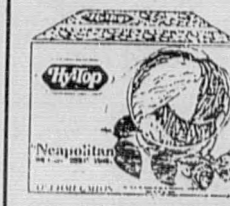
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## County Commission kills \$800,000 resurfacing plan

The Coffee County Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 25, at the courthouse in Enterprise and by a vote of 4-3 killed a proposed \$800,000 highway resurfacing plan outlined by the county engineer.

Coffee County engineer Mark Pool told the commissioners at Monday's meeting that he had recently graded all the roads in the county and had discovered that 12 percent of the roads were "falling apart."

"We have some roads that are simply falling apart," declared Pool, "and if they aren't repaired now they will be in even worse shape after the winter. If we have a wet, cold winter we may have to actually dig up some roads to keep them passable. I know that \$800,000 is a lot of money, but if you wait a year or two it'll cost twice as much to do

the same repairs not to mention the routine maintenance. You can pay for it now or pay for it later!"

The engineer reported that 52.5 miles of roadway would receive treatment and approximately 14 miles would be treated with plant mix at a total cost of \$821,000.

"Contractors will be in the area doing federally funded roadwork at the same time this summer and since roadwork has been slow we should get a real good price," stated Pool.

Several commissioners voiced opposition to the plan, stating they didn't want to place a big debt into the lap of the incoming commission, while others felt that now was the time to do the work because of the poor condition of the roads.

"I would like the commission to pass the motion today," said Pool, "so I can send out the bids and open

them at the May 9 meeting and get the resurfacing underway this summer."

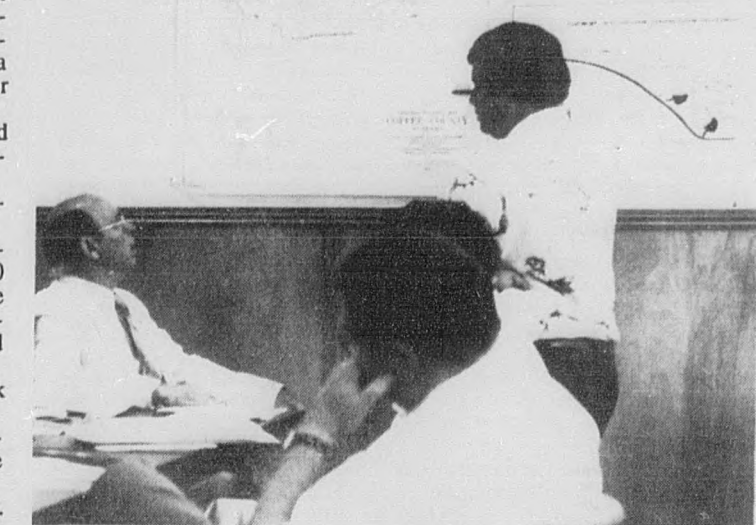
Comm. Billy Eagerton made a motion to adopt the resurfacing plan, but it died by a vote of 4-3 with Eagerton, Eugene Bradley and Damascus Crittenden casting the three affirmative votes. Voting against the motion were Sid Averett, Bill Faulk, Robert Stephens and Jimmy Bryan.

In other action at Monday's meeting, the commission:

- \*\*\*approved the minutes of the previous meeting;
- \*\*\*opened bids on plant mix and delayed awarding of a contract until the engineer could study the bids;
- \*\*\*accepted a low bid from Russell Concrete to be used by the county;
- \*\*\*accepted the low bid on fuel from Heath Oil Company;
- \*\*\*passed a resolution declaring May as Older Americans Week, May 1 as Golden Age Sunday and May 12 as Older Coffee Countians Day in Coffee County;
- \*\*\*heard a complaint of garbage be-

ing dumped near a church in Enterprise;

- \*\*\*heard a representative of the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission report on the progress of a grant application for rural water systems in the county;
- \*\*\*agreed to deed an abandoned roadway back to the original landowner;
- \*\*\*approved the semi-annual financial statement;
- \*\*\*was told that the state had presented the county with a \$100,000 check to be used for improving the arena at the Farm Center for installation of acoustical tile ceiling and insulation and a concrete floor;
- \*\*\*discussed the need for roadwork at Jeter subdivision;
- \*\*\*pledged to help in the construction of the new fountain at the courthouse square in Elba;
- \*\*\*passed a resolution seeking Sen. Crum Foshee and Rep. Jimmy Holey to get funds to resurface the road at the Coffee County Lake;
- \*\*\*and, instructed the engineer to do roadwork on the Ewell Griffin Road.



**DETAILS RESURFACING PLAN...**County engineer Mark Pool explains the details of his proposed \$821,000 resurfacing plan to members of the county commission at Monday's meeting. The commission killed the plan by a 4-3 vote. (See accompanying article)

## Third trial set for June 13 in Troy

The third murder trial of a former Coffee County woman charged in connection with the 1981 shooting death of her husband has been rescheduled for June 13 at the Pike County courthouse, in Troy.

LaDonna Lynn Tucker, charged with murder for her involvement with the shooting death of her husband, Sgt. Jimmy Tucker, was originally scheduled to stand trial on March 21 in Troy, but failed to

appear for the trial and was later arrested on a fugitive warrant in Kansas.

Mrs. Tucker had her original conviction thrown out because of a technicality and the second trial ended in a mistrial when the jury failed to agree on a verdict.

Judge Gary McAliley has set a bond forfeiture hearing for Thursday, April 28 and Mrs. Tucker may also face charges for contempt of court.



**CANCER SOCIETY MAKES PLANS...**The American Cancer Society is now conducting its annual door-to-door fund raising drive and society volunteers met last week to finalize plans for this year's event. The goal in Elba is \$4,500 and volunteers will visit every household in the city in an attempt to meet the goal.

## Georgia man to stand trial as adult in murder case

A 20-year-old Georgia man has been certified to stand trial as an adult for the second time in connection with a murder-for-hire charge filed when the man was a juvenile.

Timothy David Stubbs, age 20, was recertified as an adult on Tuesday, April 19 by Circuit Judge Gary McAliley and will stand trial as an adult for the July 25, 1985 death of James Edward Nelson.

Stubbs was originally certified as an adult to face a capital murder charge on Sept. 19, 1985 following a 17 hour hearing; however, the original ruling was appealed to the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals and the case was later returned to the county.

Stubbs and Richard Steven Adams, both from Georgia, were charged with kidnapping, robbery, murder-for-hire and murder in connection with the death of Nelson, a Coffee County resident.

Nelson was abducted from his

home in north Coffee County by two youths allegedly hired by Easton Darris Mullis, whose wife was apparently living with Nelson at the time.

Nelson's body was found approximately seven hours after the reported abduction under the Conecuh River bridge, near Glenwood, by members of a pulpwood crew.

Coffee County District Attorney Joel Folmar contends that Mullis hired the youths to kill Nelson and was apparently living with Nelson at the time.

Mullis was convicted in 1987 on three counts of kidnapping, robbery and murder in connection with the case and sentenced to life in prison without parole, while Adams pleaded guilty to the murder charge in

1986.

A trial date for Stubbs has yet to be set; however, if convicted, he will face a possible death sentence or life without parole.

Stubbs is presently serving a nine and one-half year sentence at the Mt. Meigs State Prison for his Feb. 22, 1986 escape from the Coffee County jail.

## National Security shareholders pass amendments with eye on the future

The shareholders of National Security Insurance Company approved several amendments to the company's Articles of Incorporation at the annual meeting held on April 21, 1988 at company offices in Elba, Alabama.

The amendments adopted by the shareholders will (1) increase the company's authorized shares of common stock to 10,000,000 shares, (2) create a class of Preferred Stock issuable in series with the Board of Directors of the company having the authority to establish the rights and at-

tributes of each said series prior to issuance and (3) require that mergers and certain other business combinations involving the company and certain large shareholders be approved by 75 percent of the stockholders unless certain "Fair Price" and other requirements are met or the transaction is approved by the majority of the Board of Directors unaffiliated with said large shareholder.

The amendments had been recommended to the shareholders by the company's Board of Direc-

tors.

In commenting on the action taken, National Security president J.R. Brunson stated that "We were very pleased that the shareholders elected to follow the recommendation of the Board of Directors in approving these amendments. The amendments should increase the Board's ability to effectively represent shareholder interests and provide the company with greater flexibility in responding to future business opportunities."

## Cancer Society fund raising efforts now underway in Elba

The Elba chapter of the American Cancer Society met last week to finalize plans for the upcoming fund raising efforts in the city and set a goal of \$4,500 for the two-week drive.

Elba chapter chairman Mickey Murdock reported that Betsy Martin would head up the residential effort, while Jerry Brown would act as business chairman.

The fund raising drive in Elba began on April 23 and will continue through May 6 and Cancer Society volunteers will attempt to visit every house and business in Elba during the annual event.

"The American Cancer Society is now conducting its fund raising drive across the nation," stated Murdock, "and with the help of everyone we can reach our goal here in Elba as well across the nation."

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the American Cancer Society that is not contacted should call Mickey Murdock at 897-5976 (n).

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## Elba City Council approves plans for resurfacing at cost of \$48,930

The Elba City Council opened bids on paving a host of city streets Monday night and bids varied from a high and low by over \$37,000.

Councilmember John W. Sharpless, who serves as mayor pro-tem, presided over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Bob English. All five council members were present and voting.

Low bidder on the project was S & C Paving with a bid of \$48,930. Four other bidders offered bids ranging up to over \$86,000.

The Council voted to accept the apparent low bid, assuming it met all technical specifications. They reserved the right to remove or add additional streets, pending the return of Mayor English later in the week.

The current operating budget of the city council included borrowing \$40,000 this year to be used in street paving and resurfacing. The city has some tax funds that are cur-

marked by law for street work and this will be added to the borrowed money to complete the job. Sharpless explained.

Police Chief John White told the council members that his department's work had been routine for the past week with only a few traffic citations being issued.

A copy of the current financial statement was presented to the council members and revealed the city had a strong cash position as of April 25th caused partially by a large, previously announced payment from Southeast Alabama Gas. This payment was a profit sharing payment after an unusually profitable year for the gas company, which is owned by the participating cities.

The total cash on hand was \$180,027.67. Monthly appropriations and other payments from the general fund are \$4,572.84 and

monthly bond payments are \$11,043.39 to seven different banks

and the Farmers Home Administration.



**REGISTERED NURSE OF THE YEAR...**The staff at the Elba General Hospital recently selected Cindy Lawford as it's "Registered Nurse Of The Year." Lawford began working at Elba General as a D.O. student while attending Elba High School and later served as a Licensed Practical Nurse for 5 years before becoming a Registered Nurse two years ago.

## Promotions announced at Elba plant of Dorsey Trailers

Paul King, vice president - Van Manufacturing at Dorsey's, has announced the following promotions at the Elba plant, effective as of April 21.

Russell Cash was promoted to general manager.

John Crittenden to manager

of Manufacturing;

Fred Kelley to Production superintendent.

King pointed out that Cash, Crittenden and Kelley are "well qualified for their new positions," having a combined total of over 50 years experience with Dorsey.

## ELBA TIGERS WIN AREA 4 CROWN & ADVANCE TO STATE TOURNAMENT... SEE SPORTS ON PAGE 10



## BRAINSTORMS

By Ferrin Cox

The Coffee County Commission had a proposal Monday to borrow about \$900,000 to do a bunch of highway paving. We don't doubt this work is needed, but doing it just before election smells of buying votes. The majority of commissioners are to be commended for taking that exact position and voting down the proposal. They have spent the last four years paying back road paving money borrowed just before the last election and this has hampered their ability to keep up with the needed repairs on the roads. Another borrowing would cause the same problems for the next administration. It may hurt for a while if we don't borrow the money, but in the long run we will get more and better road work on our highways because we ain't paying it all out in interest. Thanks gentlemen.

The City of Elba is considering an application for a federal grant to be used in filling the swampy area between the middle school and the football stadium. We understand the estimated cost of this work has exceeded a half million dollars and it just ain't worth it. We want the city and the school officials who requested the help in clearing up the area to take a long hard look at this project before moving forward. Getting half of the funds from a federal grant leaves the other half for us to pay . . . . . and remember that the federal dollars are our tax dollars also.

We have been watching Senator Crum Foshee with interest as he battled with Governor Guy Hunt over control of the state highway department. Frankly we didn't think (and still don't) we wanted a group of legislators calling all the shots in that department and were pleased when he admitted he didn't have the votes to put the bill through the Alabama senate. Then he came with that back door resolution that will not go anywhere either but actually turned out to be embarrassing to his fellow senators who must admit they voted for a resolution without reading it at all. Monday we talked with Foshee and he noted that an editorial in the Montgomery Advertiser called for a compromise in which both the legislators and the governor would have some in put into which highways get paved. We have no quarrel with that, but thought it was already that way. Any time someone is holding the purse strings, they have some control over how the money is spent . . . . . I thought, we can't help but think that some of the motivation behind the move to take the highway department from the control of the governor is the fact that Hunt is a Republican and the majority of the legislators (including Foshee) are loyal Democrats. Not being a dyed-in-the-wool supporter of any political party, this country boy has trouble accepting any political move made solely on the basis of party association.

We got awful upset last week when we read about the students at Tuskegee marching and holding their sit-in over a move to force them to pay their student fees . . . . . fees they had agreed to pay if the school would delay collection from the beginning of the semester and divide the charges into several easy to make payments during the next several months. In fact figures released by the college indicate students deferred two and a half million dollars of fees, of which two million are still unpaid. We understand why the school would do this . . . . . once the students take finals, they are free to go anywhere, do anything and never pay the student fees. Maybe the students know this, but just needed an excuse to get out and enjoy the spring weather.

We spent some time fishing this past weekend and finally had enough success to bring home a full mess of beem for the family table. However all was not roses, as we had some problems. It was a windy day and we had trouble fishing in the wind, since we used a sculling oar to get from one place to another. Well what happened was that as we were moving along in that wind, we caught a nice bream and decided it would be smart to use one of the anchors one of our sons had bought and left on the boat. We got to the front of the boat, facing into the wind, picked up the anchor rope and just as we got over the water . . . . . zap the anchor went down and we still had the rope in our hand . . . . . it had come untied! Well we had to move fast, because it wasn't our anchor and we fear at the boys constantly about losing or leaving our "things" somewhere else. Therefore we took our bearings on two trees, kicked off shoes, (the slip on type) quickly emptied pockets and plunged in before we could drift too far from the exact point of losing our prize. The water was deeper than we thought, but we got the anchor and then our foot hit a stump, we decided to try once again and by standing on that not-so-smooth stump our nose and eyes were just over the bow of the boat and with the leg push and arm pull we managed to get back aboard without capsizing the boat. Kinda glad there was no one who knew us close around during all this mess. P.S. we did have a good mess of fish from the afternoon.

Boy we read some information this week that will get a bunch of folks ruffled. A study by the U.S. Education Department indicates the class size is not linked to learning. We have all heard reports that the number of students in the classrooms need to be cut down and down so the children can learn better. Well this report . . . . . done by the Office of Education Research and Improvement (a part of the feds Education Department) shows that academic achievement remains largely unaffected by changes in the size of classes with 20 to 40 members. The report noted that class size needed to be reduced to 15 or less to show any significant improvement in scholastic achievement. Now that is bound to start some debate over the coffee tables.

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## OBITUARIES

SIMS ODELL (Cap)

REYNOLDS

Sims Odell (Cap) Reynolds, age 80, of Elba, died in a Montgomery nursing home Thursday, April 21, 1988.

Funeral services were held April 24 at 2 p.m. at the Asbury United Methodist Church with the Revs. Donald Lolley and Philip Craddock officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery with Searcy Funeral Home of Enterprise directing. Survivors include one daughter: Mrs. Jeanette Reynolds Avrett, Samson; two granddaughters: Mrs. Sharon Wright, Dothan, and Mrs. Glenda Post, Opelika; one great granddaughter, Yvonne Post, also of Opelika.

JAMES CONNIE PARKER

James Connie Parker, 76, of Elba, died Saturday, April 23, 1988, in a Dothan hospital.

Funeral services were held April 25, at 2 p.m. from the chapel of Hayes Funeral Home, with Rev. Winfred King officiating. Burial was in New Home Cemetery with Hayes directing. Survivors include two daughters: Lucy Thompson, Elouise, Pope, both of Elba; two sisters: Jessie Lou Cain, Elba; Jewel Norris, Opp; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

WILEY DOLPHUS PARKER

Wiley Dolphus Parker, 72, of Tallapoosa, died Sunday, April 24, 1988, in his home.

Graveside services were held April 26 at 2 p.m. from the family plot in New Home Cemetery near Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Survivors include one daughter: Sheila Maddox, Pensacola, Fla.; two sons: Gregory Parker, Tallapoosa and Garion Parker, Leptone; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

L.J. HUSSEY

Funeral for L.J. Hussey, 82, of Elba, who died in a Lume nursing home were held Saturday, April 23, 1988, at 2 p.m. in the Chestnut Grove Methodist Church.

Burial was in the church cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Survivors include his wife: Pansie Hussey, Elba; one son: L.P. Hussey, Elba; two sisters: Lola Stroud and Mita Boswell, both of Elba; one brother: Rob Hussey, Elba; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

BARNEY WISE

Barney Wise, age 82, of Rt. 1, Samson, died in his home Thursday, April 21, 1988.

Funeral services were held April 23 at 2 p.m. at the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Elder Wesley Little officiating. Burial was in Mt. Gilgated Cemetery, with Hayes directing.

Survivors include two sons: William Charles Wise, Samson; and James Donald Wise, Opelika; one brother: Albert Wise, Samson; one sister: Lilly Wise, Elba; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

## Strawberry Festival Set For Saturday In Castleberry

The second annual Strawberry Festival will be held in Castleberry, in Conecuh County, on Saturday, April 30, with a full day of events.

"During the 1920's and 30's, strawberries were the chief industry in Castleberry," said a spokesperson for the festival. "Castleberry is synonymous with strawberry, as the strawberry brought many a traveler through the town during this season."

A bike race will begin at 9 a.m., with entry fee of \$1.00; there will be a Little Mr. and Miss Strawberry contest, ages 6 months to 12 years; and a street dance will finish the day's events, to be held 6-10 p.m. The festival will feature clogging, arts, crafts, good food, games.



**ELBA POLICE CHIEF** John White is shown receiving a Certificate of Achievement Citation from the U.S. Army Reserve for continuing support of the Reserve in its mission. Presenting the award is the commander of the local 191st maintenance Co. of Elba, Captain Clayton T. Bell III. The citation read in part, "You provide continuous outstanding support to the United States Army Reserve. Monitoring critical alarm systems, providing immediate police response to alarm activations, patrolling sensitive Army Reserve Centers and maintaining a superb working relationship with Army Reserve soldiers and civilians are among your strong assets. You and your organization are commended for unselfishness and willingness to totally help and assure the successful mission accomplishment of the United States Army Reserve."

## Elba Home Included On Boil Weevil Rose Club Tour Of Area Rose Gardens

Members of the Boil Weevil Rose Club will have a tour of their rose gardens on May 1, 1-5 p.m.

Garden owners and locations are as follows:  
Mrs. Carolyn Barnes - 8 Sansbury, Daleville;  
Pop and Myrtle Crosby - 105 Briarwood, Enterprise;  
Robert and Louise Cooper - 943 N. Claxton, Elba;  
Clinton and Mary Fulford - Hwy. 12, County Line;  
Damasco Rd., Enterprise;  
Rush and Margaret Wicker - 307 Dixie Drive, Enterprise;  
Paul and Ella Worley - 305 Hickory Bend, Enterprise;  
Boil Weevil Rose Club Garden - Enterprise Nursing Home;  
Meadowbrook Cemetery Rose Garden - Hwy. 27 S., Enterprise;  
Rita Moore - 110 Leigh St., Enterprise;  
Iris Reddick - Hwy. 27 S., Enterprise;  
Don and Doty Robinson - 108 Willow Dr., Enterprise.

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asks all those who fish Pea River to please return all bass under 12". We encourage our fellow fishermen to release as many fish as possible.

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## ELBA POLICE REPORT

The Elba Police Department reported an active week with a total of 2 arrests (criminal mischief and public intoxication) and 1 traffic citation (speeding) reported. Following are daily activity reports:

**TUESDAY, APRIL 19**  
Activity included a disturbance at Taylor Mill Road (8:32 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20**  
Activity included a theft at Blue's Place (11:25 a.m.) and a disturbance at Marler Trailer Court (6:48 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, APRIL 21**  
Activity included a disturbance on Smith Avenue (5:22 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, APRIL 22**  
Activity included a disturbance at Bourbon St. (6:57 p.m.) and a disturbance at Smith Ave. (9:42 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23**  
Activity included a theft at Bourbon St. (2:07 a.m.), a fight at the Brantley Highway (2:45 p.m.), a wreck at Davis & Claxton (4:20 p.m.), a fight at the Piggly Wiggly parking lot (4:43 p.m.), a possible intoxicated driver at Hawkins-Williams Park (8:33 p.m.) and a fight at Caroline St. (11:03 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24**  
Activity included a vehicle on fire on 87 (7:00 p.m.) and a theft at County Convenience (7:26 p.m.).

**MONDAY, APRIL 25**  
Activity included a fire on the Kinston Highway (2:38 p.m.), a disturbance at Taylor Mill Road (7:46 p.m.) and a burglary at Windham Power Lifts (9:10 p.m.).

## Bulletin Board

S.S. REP - City Hall, 3rd Tues. 9:30-12:30. Cui FREE. 1-800-325-8344  
ROTARY CLUB - Mon. Noon - Ye Old Hickory Pl.  
EASTERN STAR - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 7 p.m.  
ELBA MINISTRIAL ASSN. - Thurs. 8 a.m. - Ye Old Hickory Pl.  
JAYCEES - 1st & 3rd Thurs. - 7 p.m. - Beaver Dam Restaurant  
CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Mon. - 5 p.m.  
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Beaver Dam Rest.  
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. - 5 p.m. - Sup. Office  
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. - 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.  
BOY SCOUTS - Mon. 7 p.m. - Over old City Hall  
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 7 p.m. - Library  
WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Tues. - 5 p.m. - City Hall  
MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st Sat. & 3rd Mon. - 7 p.m.  
AA - Wed. 8 p.m. & Sun 6 p.m. - Sr. Citizens Bldg.  
BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. - Band Room  
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Tues. Thurs. 8:30-4:30, 897-2924  
NEW AL-ANON - Wed. 8 p.m. - Sr. Citizens Center  
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - 5-6 Sundays, Sr. Citizens Center  
COFFEE COUNTY CO-UNITED - ERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House  
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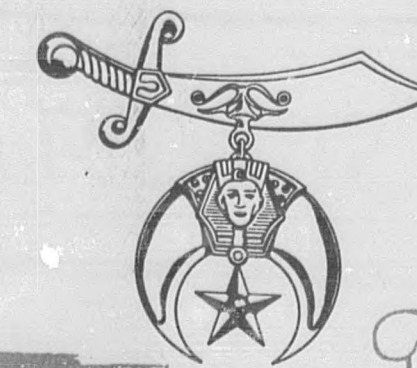
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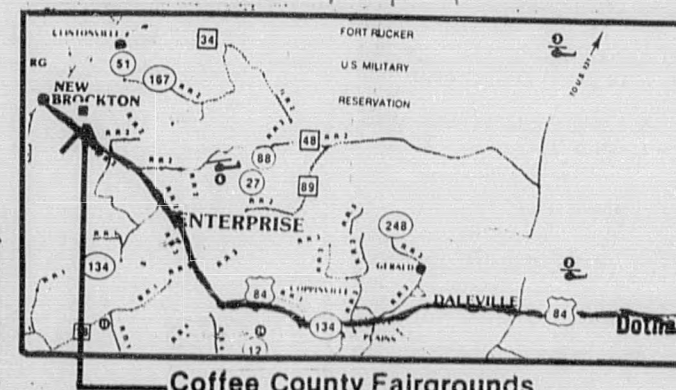
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ZION CHAPEL'S LAND JUDGING TEAM - Toraz Haynes, Chris Moultry, Pam Langley and Kendall Grissett.

## Land Judging Contest Held In Enterprise

By: Robbie Davis  
Zion Chapel's land judging team took second place at the Land Judging Contest held in Enterprise on Tuesday, April 19.

Representatives from Zion Chapel were Toraz Haynes, Chris Moultry, Kendall Grissett and Pam Langley. High scorer for ZC was Kendall Grissett, with Pam Langley coming in second.

The contest consisted of judging types of soil, percentage of topsoil and the erosion rate of the land.

The South Alabama Co-op helped sponsor the contest. Enterprise took the first prize of \$25 by scoring 25 more points than Zion Chapel.

ZC received the second-place prize of \$10, while Elba received third place with a \$5 prize. Kinston came in fourth, receiving a \$5 prize.



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## The Rebel News

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## Zion Chapel Students Tour Vocational School

By: Chris Moultry  
Mr. Jerry Barnes, director of the Coffee County Area Vocational School, welcomed Zion Chapel's juniors and sophomores to a tour of the school. Purpose of the tour was to inform students about the various vocational programs offered, information students can use when making a decision about attending the school.

The tour, conducted one day for the juniors and another for the sophomores, included a 10-minute stay in each department.

Mr. Warren Pless, Carpentry instructor, told the students, "We encourage students to think of ideas on their own - ideas they can use to build something in the shop."

Sean Collins, a vocational student, talked about the use of machines in the workshop.

Mrs. Peggy Waldrop, Health Oc-

cupations teacher, said that any student interested in a nursing career or in taking care of their family would find her program useful. Students visiting Mrs. Waldrop's class were weighed and had their blood pressure taken.

Mrs. Gilda Donaldson, Vocational Business and Office Education teacher, explained that a knowledge of the typewriter keyboard would be very helpful in the BOE class.

Mrs. Vernette Maddox, also a BOE instructor, spoke to the students about accounting and other business subjects and how her program would be useful in preparing for various business careers.

## Z C BASEBALL REPORT

By: Todd Rugg  
ZC vs ELBA  
Zion Chapel met cross-town rival Elba for the second time in the baseball season last week in a close game, only to be rained out in the third inning.

The game held at 2-1 in the "Tigers" favor when the game was called.

Sean Collins made the run for the Rebels.

The last meeting between these

two rivals ended in an 18-0 win for the Tigers.

ZC vs KINSTON  
By: Todd Rugg  
The Zion Chapel Rebels faced Kinston in baseball action last week.

The game went the full 7 innings as the Bulldogs pulled off a 7-2 win over the Rebels.

Greg Hall hit the Rebels' first homerun of the season.

## Candy Causes Cavities

By: Lee Kelley  
The "Candy Man" has stalked our giving candy to his favorite friends. The reasons for this are that he has encountered a cavity. The Candy Man has been to the dentist many times, but nothing has worked.

Since discovering the cavity the Candy Man has stopped the supply of candy to Mrs. Typewriter, giving her only two peppermint sticks a week.

The "Candy mongers", enemies of the Candy Man, are beginning to die out; there are only three members of the gang left. They are: Bluser Muser, Creepy Coroner and Talking Tuna. The rest of the gang has died or changed their ways.

Jane Davis, a senior, surprised those attending by wearing a black tuxedo with pink lame tie and cummerbund. Her date, Mickey Hopper, dressed in a matching tuxedo, added to the "sharpness" of her attire.

After a night of dancing and fun, the juniors and seniors attended their class breakfast prepared by class mothers.

## Rebel '88 Sales Begin Today

By: Lavonia Johnson  
Rebel 88 subscriptions will be on sale for the first time today; the cost \$20. This is a real bargain because without advertising bought by area merchants, the cost of the yearbook for the individual student would be doubled.

However, Rebel 88 is trying to economize; one of the ways we are doing this is by reducing the number of copies. This is a way expenses can be cut without cutting

something in the book itself that our reading public has become accustomed to - color pages.

Subscription sales will last until May 20. On that day we will draw for prizes. To be eligible for a prize a person has to have paid the full purchase price of \$20. The prizes - which we're keeping a surprise for now - are definitely things that students will like.

So, don't be left out - get your yearbook now!



DAVID SEATON  
Band Director

Band Boosters Thank  
Helpers In Recent  
Fund-Raiser

By: Wayne Davis  
Zion Chapel's Band Boosters recently held a local fund-raiser. The Raider Family from Ocean Opry performed a concert at the New Brockton Farm Center.

The Boosters would like to thank the merchants who donated door prizes and food for the concessions, the individuals who helped work and the New Brockton Police Dept. for providing security.

"Without the help and support of these people, we would not have been able to have the concert," said Mr. Seaton, band director.



## Z.C. Junior - Senior Prom Held Friday, April 15th

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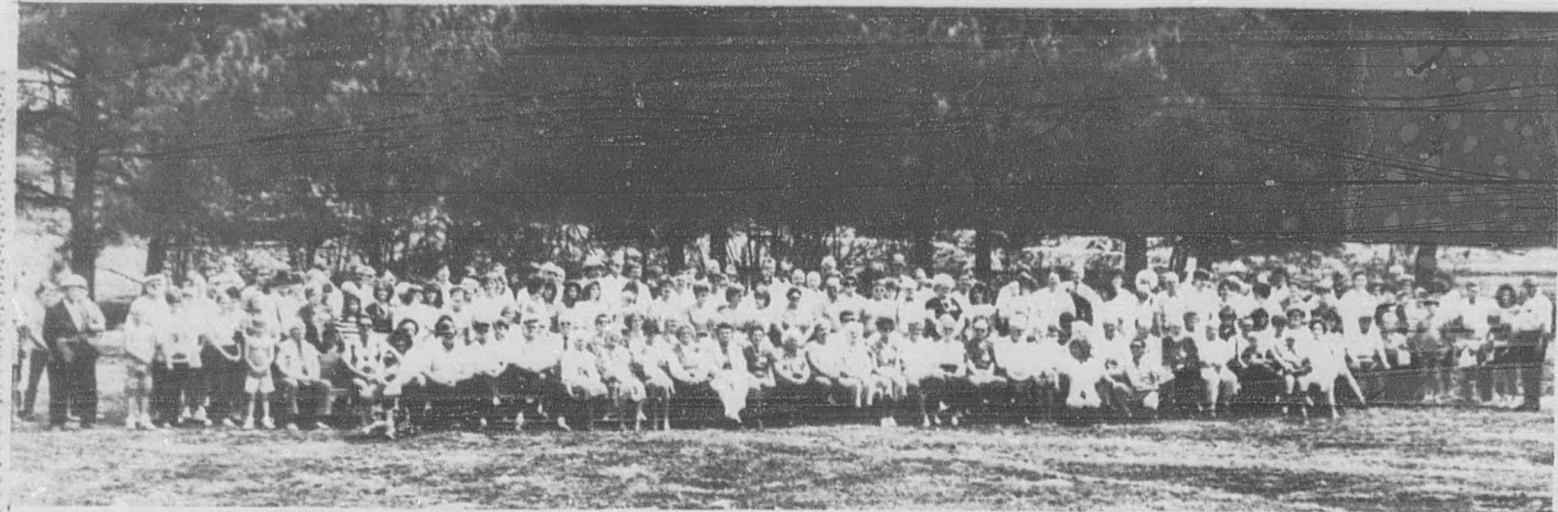
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## 135th Annual Brunson Reunion Held April 15

Tradition was continued on Sunday, April 17, when the 135th annual Brunson Reunion was held at the family picnic grounds on the Brunson farm, in Elba.

Believed to be the oldest tradition in Coffee County, the reunion began in 1853 as a birthday celebration for Matthew Brunson, the family patriarch. Matthew and his wife, Sara Blanchard, moved their family

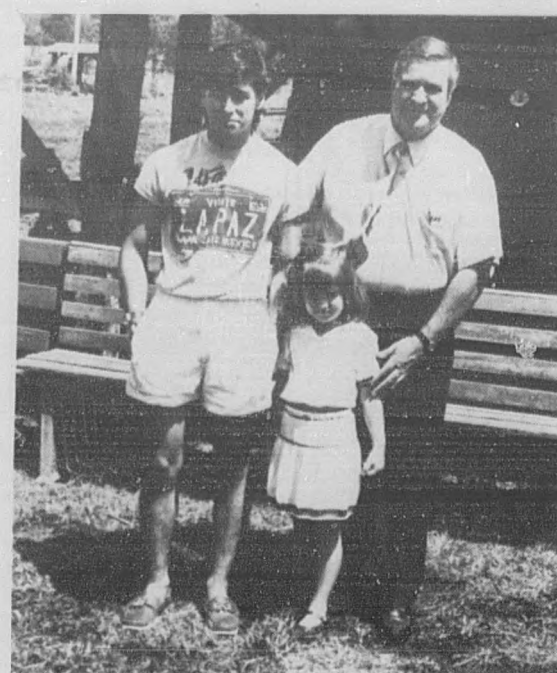
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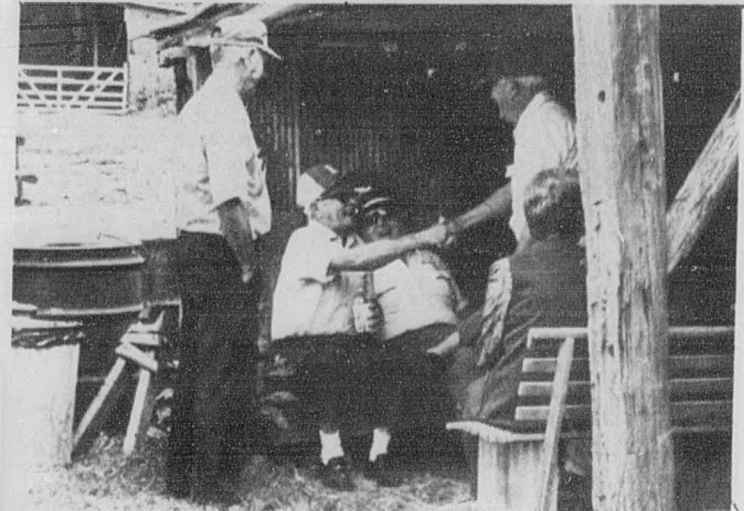
Bell Wright Dockery, her husband Jim, their pilot and friends from Andrews, North Carolina flew to Elba for the day. Sergio Leon, an exchange student from Mexico attending Elba High School, attended his first American family reunion.



Basket dinners are being unpacked and placed on the sixty foot long table under the picnic shelter. Traditional barbeque and individual basket plates make up the menu for the annual event.



Sergio Leon, an exchange student at Elba High School from Mexico, learned about the Brunson reunion first hand from Judge Marion Brunson. Melissa Mularz, age 5, has never missed a reunion and this year's was her sixth.



COUSINS ENJOY FELLOWSHIP... (l-r) Burl Eastridge, of Meadens of Dan, Virginia; Buford Brunson, of Gainesville, Fla.; Dan Brunson, of Mobile and Preston Brunson, of Samson enjoy fellowship as Dorothy Brunson, of Gainesville, Florida looks on.



OLDEST & YOUNGEST...Mrs. Winnie Deal Stephens, of Enterprise, age 94, was the oldest family member present at the 1988 edition of the reunion and holds the youngest member, Victoria Elaine "Tori" Brunson, the four month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brunson of Ft. Walton Beach, Florida.



A.C. "Bud" Brunson and Marion Brunson enjoyed being brought up to date with the family news by Mildred Enfinger, of Skipperville and Sibyl Brunson, of Alexandria, Virginia.

## FAMILY TALK

GLENDIA M. SMITH  
Community Resource Specialist  
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897-3424

Teaching a skill to your child is not easy but it is possible. There are many ways to teach a skill than what we discuss here. The six steps we will talk about here are suggestions and I hope they will be helpful. Perhaps you will be able to tailor these to fit your special situation.

1. Motivation - The child must be encouraged to want to learn. Explain the importance of the skill to them and to the other family members.

2. Select a Good Time - Choose a time when you have some extra time - a time when you are not distracted and can be patient. (Most likely you will have to plan this time in order to make it available).

3. Demonstrate - Carefully and patiently show your child how to perform the skill. Go slowly and explain as you go along. Be careful to use words they can understand.

4. Let Your Child Try - The child must be given an opportunity to try his/her hand at this new skill in order to learn. Watch while they try and give some loving assistance if they are unable to finish alone. It may take several tries, but do not

give up. Also, it is very important that you not be harsh or critical. Help the child learn from his/her mistakes.

5. Work Together - When the child has learned the skill, work along beside them for a while. They need to gain confidence and your

reassurance will show your continuing interest. Also, you likely will find that you enjoy your child's company. There will be positive strokes in this for you since you will derive personal pleasure in seeing your child learn something new as well as knowing you were the teacher.

6. Acknowledge Their Efforts - make positive comments along the way. Teach the skill in stages so that the child can have successes all along the way. Recognize how hard they are trying and tell them they have done a good job.

For further information, call me at 897-3424, or write to me in care of Coffee County Department of Human Resources, P.O. Box 448, Elba, AL 36323.

Thought: Men are more important than tools. If you don't believe me, put a good tool in the hands of a poor workman.

## First Baptist To Hold Revival

The First Baptist Church of Elba, located at the corner of West Simmons and Polka Streets, will be conducting a series of revival meetings May 1-4.

Guest preacher is the Rev. John Frank Lindsey, pastor of the Jackson Way Baptist Church in Huntsville.

Rev. Lindsey, a native of Elba, worked as an engineer at Dorsey Trailers before he was called into the ministry. He has served churches in the Wiregrass section, including County Line and Hillcrest Baptist Churches of Enterprise, and First Baptist of Headland.

His present church, Jackson Way Baptist, is 90 years old with a membership of 2200. Their morning

worship is broadcast live over 11 cable systems in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee and Mississippi.

Rev. Lindsey's wife Juanita is also from Elba, and is active in the production of the morning worship hour broadcasts.

Revival worship will begin on Sunday, May 1, at the regular hours - 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Monday - Wednesday, worship will begin at 7 p.m.

Special music will be shared nightly, and a nursery will be provided.

Everyone is invited to share in this time of renewal and commitment.

## ZC Young At Heart Club Goes On A Trip

By: Gladys Carr

The Young-at-Heart of Zion Chapel Baptist Church left for Columbus, Ga., on April 19, to tour the plant of Tom's Food.

They saw how all the various kinds of peanuts, cookies and candies were made and enjoyed the trip.

It was an enjoyable trip for everyone.

## Homecoming At Victoria Baptist Church

Victoria Baptist will have Homecoming services on Sunday, May 1.

Larry Doster, pastor, will bring the morning message.

Dinner will be served and there will be a time of singing in the afternoon.

Everyone is invited.

## Church of God To have BBQ

The Elba Church of God will be selling barbecue plates Saturday, April 30, beginning at 11 a.m.

Regular plates will be \$3.50 - all meat plates - \$4.00. Call 897-5814 to place orders.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

DR. DOUG DORTCH

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST

Focal Text: 1 John 4:7-12

Once upon a rainy day, a mother happened upon her three-year-old son, who was busying himself with crayons and paper.

She was scrawling all over the paper, so much so that he did not know his mother was standing at the door.

The mother said nothing at first. She was content to stand silently, watching the doodlings of her young artist. But for the life of her, the mother couldn't make out anything of her son's scrawlings.

Curiously finally got the best of the mother. "Son," the mother asked, "what are you drawing?"

Without looking up, the boy replied matter of factly, "I'm drawing a picture of God." "But son," the mother countered, "no one knows what God looks like."

"Doesn't matter," the boy said, "they'll know what God looks like when I get done."

We could use some help getting to know God, couldn't we? The Almighty seems too much like a puzzle to many of us. Just when we think we've got God figured out, something takes place that throws our understanding right out the win-

dow.

A good clue to understanding God is found in 1 John 4:8. "God is love," declares the Bible. All of our esoteric theologies are boiled down into three digestible words: "God is love."

So what does that mean? It means that God cares about his creation so deeply that He gave his only Son to rescue us from our wrongdoings. God wishes the best for all of us, and God works unconditionally on our behalf.

Interestingly enough, the only way this world will be awakened to a loving God is through the witness of the people who claim to possess that love in their lives. The only way this world can know God by our revealing unconditional love through the pouring out of love in sacrificial ministry.

Our witness at times may seem as confusing as a child's scribbles and doodlings. But we must dare to stand up and with our lives say, "Look, God-love. No one can actually see God, the Bible reminds us. But if we love one another as God has loved us, people will be attracted to our witness, and they will know that God is."

To enroll in a free Bible Correspondence Course, or to ask a Bible question, write to Bob Prichard, evangelist, Elba Church of Christ, P.O. Box 269, Elba, AL 36323. Listen to "Moments for the Master" weekdays at 6:20 a.m., 12:27 p.m. and 3:57 p.m. on WELB-AM 1350.

Visit with us Sunday at the Elba Church of Christ, P.O. Box 269, Elba, AL 36323.

## New Haven Assembly To Hold Revival

New Haven Assembly of God will be in revival May 1-6. The church is located on Co. Rd. 72 near the Roton Community.

Pastor of the church is Rev. Huey Anderson.

Evangelists will be Henry and

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# Sports

## Views From The Pressbox By, Ricky Mularz

I've never been a big Atlanta Braves fan and have always found Major League baseball kind of boring to watch on television; however, this year I have watched more ballgames on the tube than ever and have actually enjoyed them. Maybe I'm getting old or maybe the TV shows are getting worse, but as long as my wife and little girl will let me I'll keep on watching baseball and watching the Braves lose!

### TIGER BASEBALLERS WIN AREA 4 CROWN

The Elba High School baseball team swept a doubleheader from the Daleville Warhawks Monday afternoon to win the Class 3A, Area 4 baseball crown for the second straight year and it looks like the Tigers are fast becoming a powerhouse in more than just football!

The Tiger baseball team upped its record to 9-4 with the wins over Daleville and improved its Area state to 6-0, both of which are very impressive to say the least. This year's baseball team is very young and was inexperienced when the season began, but the Tiger players have all been playing since they were in the first grade and do the little things that should come natural. The baseball team will compete next week in the state tourney and if it can keep playing up to its potential it could just be playing for some time yet to come!

### MENS SOFTBALL SEASON UNDERWAY IN ELBA

The Men's Softball League began its season this week in Elba with a total of eight teams competing and from what I've seen in tournaments and practices it looks like a very good summer ahead for all softball fans.

The team to beat this summer should be Hickman Moving and Storage, formerly known as SouthTrust. The Movers are the only Class A team in the league and have won numerous tournaments across the state already, prompting some team members to call the team the best around in any class. I don't know about that, but I do know that Hickman should be the team to beat in the league this season! Cook Chevrolet won the league title last year when Hickman (SouthTrust) was playing in Enterprise and really had no trouble at all. Cook returns practically the same team this year and while everybody's putting them in the #2 spot, you can bet the players aren't going to back down and surrender the title without a battle. The rest of the league seems pretty well balanced with Kelley's Packing (formerly City Merchants), Elba Merchants and County Merchants leading the pack, followed by Kleiners, Elba Independents and Claxton Corners. The league could be a two team battle for the top spot, but the battle for the third spot should be one to watch.

The league plays on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights at Hawkins-Williams Park and if you're tired of watching TV or just want to get out of the house c'mon down!

### FIRST TOURNEY OF YEAR WAS EXCITING

The WZTZ/Kelley's Packing softball tourney was held last weekend in Elba with a total of 25 teams competing and despite the fact that the tourney didn't end until almost 3:00 a.m. Sunday morning it was a very successful tourney for all concerned. Twenty teams from out of town played in the tournament, making Elba a busy place to be Saturday, and while I haven't talked to any merchants I'm sure their business picked up when the players and their families got hungry and had to gas up before leaving. The merchants may not like softball, but they like softball players and their families!

Getting to the tourney, the Brew Crew from Eglin Air Force Base won the title, followed by Runt's Texaco of Andalusia, National Tire Brokers of DeFuniak Springs and Southern Pride of Samson. All the Elba teams played well, but failed to win a trophy.

The tournament may be called the WZTZ/Kelley's tournament, but the man who makes the whole thing go is Mike McKee, a member of the Elba Recreation Board and an avid softball player and fan. Mike thought up the idea last year as a means of raising money for his team and after only two years the tournament has grown to one of the biggest in south Alabama. It takes a lot of work to put on a successful tournament and a lot of help, but the man who makes this one go is Mike McKee and he deserves a pat on the back.

### WHOEVER OWNS IT...THE ROAD NEEDS WORK!

I went out to the Coffee County Lake a couple of weeks ago to let my little girl look around and while the lake is still just as pretty as ever, the road leading to the lake and going around it has to be the worst in the world! There are more potholes than pavement and even if you drive 5 miles an hour your car could easily be knocked out of line by the deep holes. In recent months several departments have been contacted about the road and all have replied "switch finger" as the road only got worse and worse. The lake is operated by the state and it shouldn't matter if the Parks Department or the Fisheries Department, the road should either be resurfaced or dug up!

## FOLLOW THE ELBA TIGERS FIGHT FOR THE STATE BASEBALL TITLE IN THE ELBA CLIPPER !!

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## Tigers Win Area 4 Baseball Crown

The Elba Tigers swept a doubleheader from the Daleville Warhawks Monday afternoon in Elba to complete Area play with a perfect 6-0 record and in doing so wrapped up their second straight Class 3A, Area 4 baseball championship and a spot in the upcoming state baseball tournament.

The Tigers needed one win in the doubleheader to clinch the crown and got that easily as they shelled the Hawks 15-1 in the opener and followed it with a 12-6 victory in the nightcap.

Following are highlights of both games:

### ELBA 15

#### DALEVILLE 6

The Elba Tigers jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead and never looked back as they pounded Daleville 15-1 to clinch the Area 4 title.

Daleville failed to score in the top of the first, but the Tigers wasted no time in getting on the scoreboard and plated 4 runs in the bottom of the inning to take the lead for good!

Greg Hanchey was hit by a pitch to leadoff the Tiger rally, while a single by Chris Thomas and a walk to Matt Henderson loaded the bases with no outs. A walk to Stevie Sauls forced in Hanchey, while a single by Jason Grider knocked in two runs and gave the Tigers a quick 3-0 lead. An error on a grounder by Tim Sullivan knocked in Grider and at the end of the first the Tigers were in charge with a 4-0 bug!

Daleville collected 3 hits in the second inning to cut the Elba lead to 4-1, but the Tigers' bats were ready and Elba added 2 runs in the bottom of the inning to increase its lead to 6-1.

A one-out single by Chris Thomas started the outburst and after a walk to Matt Henderson, Wade Hart followed with a double to knock in both runs and extend the lead.

The Tigers took care of any Daleville upset hopes in the third inning as they scored 7 runs on 4 hits to grab a lopsided 13-1 advantage!

Singles by Tim Sullivan and Jason Johnson and a double by Greg Hanchey got the big inning off to a quick start, while 2 errors, a walk and a double by Wade Hart resulted in a bevy of runs as the Tigers put the game out of reach.

The Tigers added 2 additional runs in the fourth on hits by Jason Johnson, Brian Free and Wade Hart and an error after the Hawks went down in order in the fifth the Tigers had the win and the Area title!

Wade Hart got 3 hits to lead the Tigers, while Jason Johnson and Chris Thomas both added 2 and Greg Hanchey, Stevie Sauls, Jason Grider, Tim Sullivan and Brian Free all added 1 hit.

Tim Sullivan pitched the entire game for Elba, allowing 5 hits, while striking out 3 and walking none.

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### ELBA 12

#### DALEVILLE 6

The Elba Tigers spotted Daleville an early 6-1 lead and then came roaring back to dump the Warhawks 12-6 to complete the sweep of a doubleheader Monday, in Elba.

Daleville combined 2 hits with a walk and a hit batter to score two runs in the first inning, but Elba chopped the lead to 2-1 in the bot-



AREA 4 CHAMPS...Members of the 1988 Elba Tiger baseball team include (front row, l-r) Jason Grider, Kenneth King, Jamie Whitworth, Wade Hart, Greg Hanchey, Willie Flowers and Bobby Bowden. (Back row, l-r) Brian Free, Leon Coleman, Barry Bryan, Kevin Matthews, Matt Henderson, Chris Thomas, Tim Sullivan, Stevie Sauls, David Rowe, Wynn Grimes, Jason Johnson and Coach Rick Rainer.

tom of the first as Kevin Matthews and Willie Flowers led off with singles and Matthews scored on an error.

Daleville increased its lead to 3-1 in the second and then upped its advantage to 6-1 in the fourth as the Warhawks appeared to be heading for a split; however, the Tigers cut the lead to 6-2 in the bottom of the fourth on an rbi double by Greg Hanchey and then plated 7 runs in the fifth to take the lead for good!

A walk to Kevin Matthews and an error on a grounder by Willie Flowers started off the outburst, while a single by Wade Hart knocked in both Matthews and Flowers and cut the lead to 6-4.

The Tigers added 3 insurance runs in the sixth inning on hits by Matt Henderson, Jason Grider, Stevie Sauls, Tim Sullivan and Kevin Matthews and the Hawks went down without a hit in the final

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## Tigers Tamed By Opp 6-5

The Elba Tigers saw an early lead evaporate last week as the Opp Bobcats rallied to nip the Tigers 6-5, in Opp.

The Bobcats combined 2 hits with 2 errors in the opening inning to grab a quick 2-0 lead; however, the Tigers wasted no time coming back as they scored 4 runs in the second inning to take a 4-2 lead!

A one out single by Wynn Grimes started the Elba rally and Grimes got a chance to trot around the bases when Stevie Sauls ripped a long home-run. A single by Jason Johnson with two outs kept the inning alive and when Greg Hanchey followed with a double the Tigers' lead was up to 3-2. Kevin Matthews singled in Hanchey and Elba's advantage was up to 4-2 over the highly touted Bobcats.

Opp cut the lead to 4-3 in the bottom of the inning and then moved on top to stay in the third when the Bobcats combined 3 hits with 2 walks to score 3 runs and go ahead 6-4.

Elba refused to quit and pulled to within 6-5 in the seventh inning when Matt Henderson hit a solo home run, but the Tigers couldn't add the all important tying run and fell to defeat 6-5.

Greg Hanchey got 3 hits to pace the Tigers, while Stevie Sauls added 2 hits and Kevin Matthews, Matt Henderson, Wade Hart, Wynn Grimes and Jason Johnson all added 1.

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WINNING FROM...Elba pitcher Tim Sullivan displays the form that carried him past the Daleville Warhawks Monday afternoon in the win that clinched the Area 4 baseball championship. Sullivan allowed only 5 hits and didn't walk a batter in claiming the win.

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## Dixie Youth Baseball To Open Season Monday

The Dixie Youth Baseball League will begin its season on Monday night, May 2, at Legion Field and once again this summer it looks like a very exciting season of baseball action.

The Astros finished last season a disappointing fifth, but appear to be loaded this year and are the pre-season pick to take the league title!

The Astros are coached by DeWayne Hodge and with such talented players returning as Chris Hodge, Michael Grantham, Jeremy Canley, Chris Hudson and Pat Moates it isn't hard to figure out why the league's coaches are so high on the Astros.

The Tigers were the most improved team in the league a year ago and Coach Larry Grantham is once again solid heading into the season. Key returnees such as Keith Grantham, Todd Grantham, Scotty Parris, Charles Bozeman and Bo Boyd anchor the Tigers attack and from early reports it looks like the Cardinals finished the season in second place last summer and also lost a bevy of talented players, but first year coach Ronnie Vaughan has had the Cards working hard and is convinced that his club will be competitive. The reason for such optimism is the return of such players as Perry Stinson, Jake Stokes, Che Vaughan and David Yelverton, giving the Cardinals a good base from which to challenge for the top spot.

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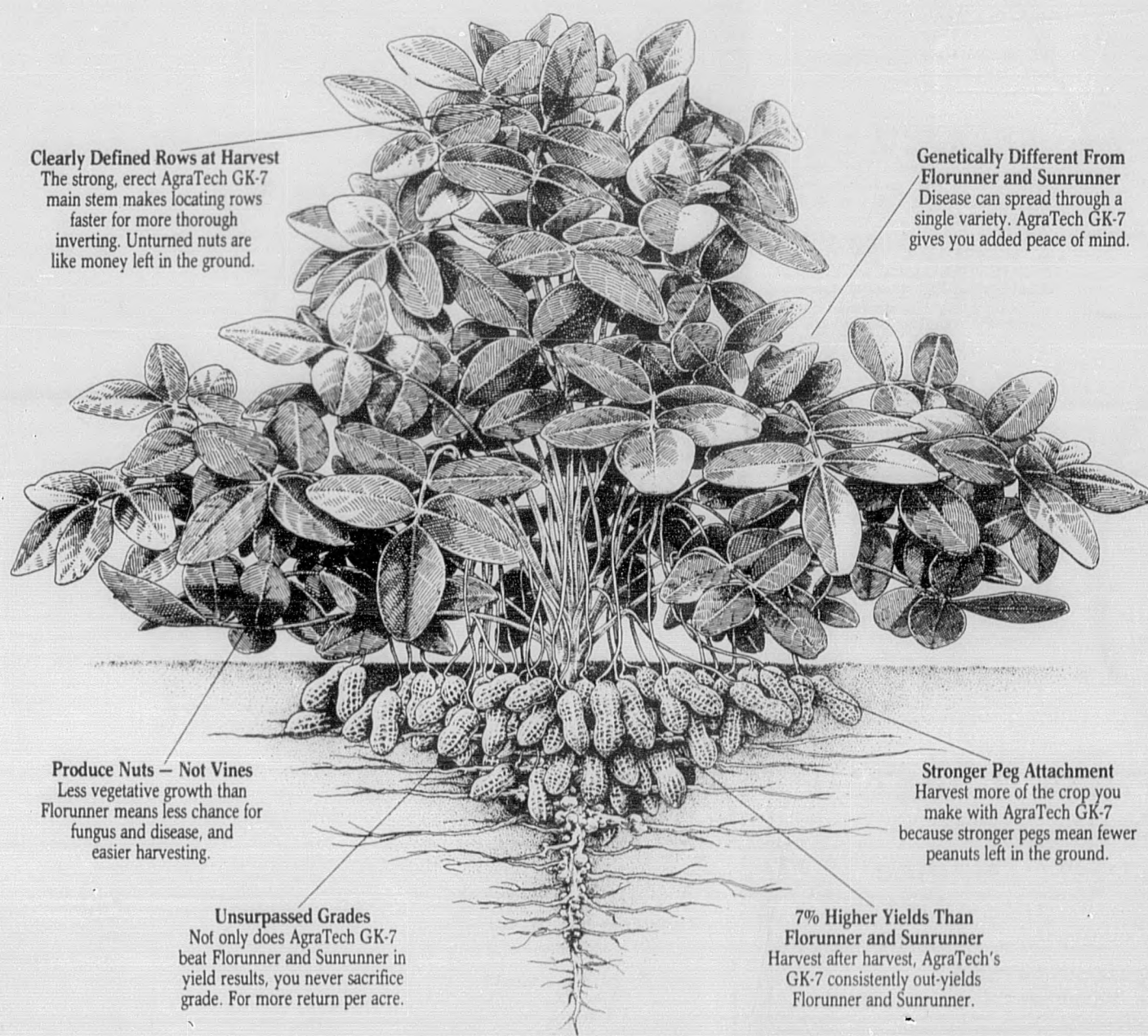
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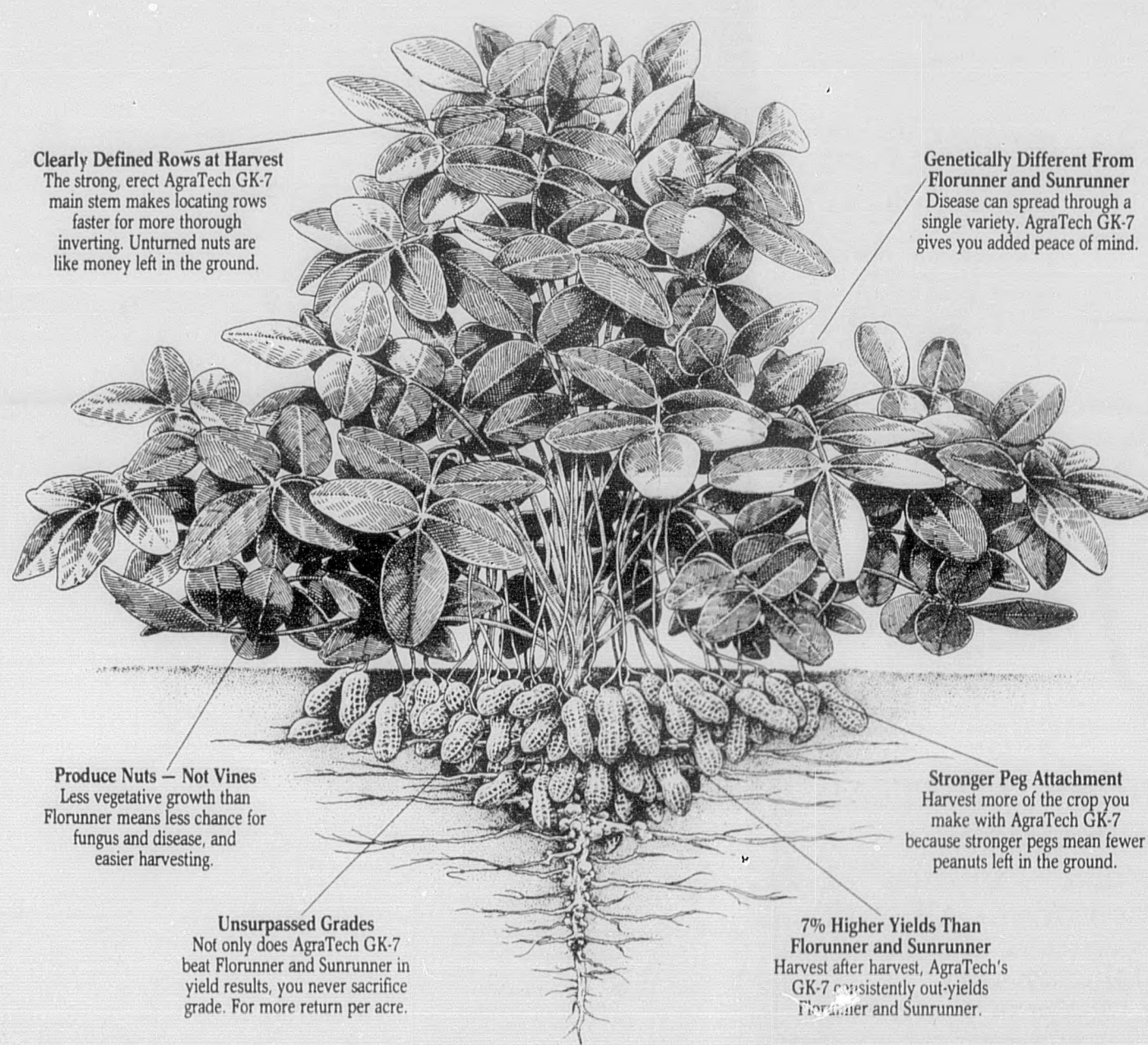
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### Hospital Report

Persons admitted to Elba General Hospital during the period of April 19 through 25 include the following:

Jackie Ramer, Jane B. Hodge, Linda M. Hodge, Lela J. Wilson, Bertis Johnson, Benjamin W. Malory, Foyle G. Guy, Betty L. Langley.

Those discharged during the same period of time include Raymond Calhoun, Aaron Mobley, Reginal Mack, Edd Fillingim, Linda M. Hodge, Jackie D. Ramer.

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**BRIDGE AWAITS REPAIR...**...This dirt road connecting County Roads 60 and 23 has been closed for approximately nine months due to the dangerous condition of the wooden bridge pictured above. The actual floor of the bridge was removed to keep area residents from using the structure.

## Bridge replacement program underway

The Coffee County Highway Department is in the midst of a two-year "Bridge Replacement Program" and county engineer Mark Pool reports that three bridges have been reopened to traffic and the remaining bridges now closed should be open again within 12-18 months.

"The state mandated a weight limit program last year," stated Pool, "and the policy forced the counties to inspect all its bridges and make repairs to bridges that didn't meet the standards. I personally inspected many of the bridges in the county on dirt roads and with the help of the county commissioners was able to compile a master list with the grades of the bridges and the bridges in need of repair or replacement. This master list was then used to develop the bridge replacement program now underway in Coffee County."

"Every single bridge listed in the program had been inspected previously by another county engineer," added Pool, "and the previous engineer had also scheduled the bridges for replacement. The county attorney reported that to keep the commission out of possible lawsuits the bridges in question should be closed to all traffic and until the bridges are replaced the bridges will remain closed and we have actually removed bridge spans to keep people off the dangerous structures."

The engineer stated that a total of 10 bridges were originally closed and reported that three of the bridges have been replaced.

"The bridges that have been replaced have all been on dirt roads and while many will argue that the dirt roads aren't important, the roads serve a vital purpose to those who use the roads," said Pool. "The replacement bridges include concrete

and steel pilings that meet the water and ground and all are designed to withstand any weight. The spacing of the timbers was designed by the state's highway department computer and these bridges are sound, to say the least!"

Pool reported that the wood timbers would last approximately 30 years, while the substructure would

last 150-200 years.

"These bridges were built to last," declared Pool, "and in 50 years when the timbers may need replacing it will take only a couple of hours to complete the job. The bridges take 3-4 weeks to complete and are constructed by a county bridge crew at a cost of \$10-15,000, which is less than half what a con-

tractor would charge to build a similar bridge."

"The bridges we build are built to last and built to provide the safest possible means of transportation to the people who use them."

Pool added that all bridges on paved roads have also been inspected and will be repaired and replaced with federal funds.



**NEW BRIDGE SPANS CREEK...**...This newly constructed bridge over the Beaverdam Creek off County Road 54 took three weeks to construct and cost the county a total of \$11,500. The bridge reopened the road to local traffic and saved the county over \$10,000.

## LaDonna Tucker forfeits \$20,000 appearance bond

A former Coffee County woman who failed to show for her third murder trial on March 21 in Troy had a \$20,000 appearance bond forfeited last week and was returned to jail after a new bond of \$100,000 was set by Circuit Judge Gary McAliley.

LaDonna Lynn Tucker, formerly of Enterprise, appeared before Judge McAliley on Thursday, April 28, in Troy for a hearing dealing with the bond forfeiture and her failure to appear for the trial.

Mrs. Tucker, charged with murder in connection with the 1981 shooting death of her husband, Sgt. Jimmy Tucker, was remanded back to the Coffee County Circuit Court in 1986 by the Alabama Supreme Court and a later change of venue moved the trial to Pike County, where a second trial ended in a mistrial when the jury failed to reach a verdict.

Mrs. Tucker was released on bond and reportedly returned to the home of relatives in Kansas, but failed to return to Alabama in March for the start of the third trial and was apprehended and returned to the state by law enforcement officials.

During the bond forfeiture hearing

last week, Tucker's court appointed attorneys presented affidavits from Mrs. Tucker's daughter and sister, both of which dealt with the mental state of Mrs. Tucker prior to the scheduled March 21 trial date. The affidavits reported that Mrs. Tucker had apparently intended to return to the state for the trial.

Mr. O.D. Huddleston, Mrs. Tucker's father, stated at the hearing that his daughter was having mental problems and testified that at times Mrs. Tucker was almost impossible to understand.

In his request for the bond forfeiture, District Attorney Joel Folmar stated that the failure of Mrs. Tucker to appear for the March trial cost the state an estimated \$3-5,000 in expenses to provide transportation to some forty witnesses. He added that it also cost over \$1,000 to go to Kansas and return Mrs. Tucker to the state.

In making the ruling, Judge McAliley stated that Mrs. Tucker had given no legal excuse or justification for failing to appear.

A tentative trial date of Aug. 15 has been scheduled for the third trial of Mrs. Tucker, with the trial to be held at the Pike County courthouse, in Troy.

## Prisoner of War medal available

The United States Secretary of Defense has announced that the "Prisoner Of War Medal," recently authorized by the Congress, is now available for issue to former prisoners of war.

The medal will be issued at no charge to any person who was taken prisoner of war and held captive after April 5, 1917. To qualify, an individual must have been taken prisoner during an armed conflict

(World War 1, World War 2, Korea and Vietnam) and must have rendered honorable service during the period of captivity.

Former prisoners of war or their next of kin may apply for the medal and those needing additional information should contact Mr. Robert E. Lolley, Coffee County Veterans Service Officer, at 347-6440 in Enterprise or 897-2924 in Elba.

## Registrars set dates for May

The Board of Registrars will register people to vote during the following days in May:

Elba: May 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 9 - 10 - 11 - 12 - 13.  
Enterprise: May 16 - 17 - 18

- 19 - 20 - 23 - 24 - 25 - 26 - 27.  
Hours are 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.  
Location is Elba Courthouse Annex, and in Enterprise at the Courthouse.

## READ A GOOD BOOK THIS WEEK

### Used book sale set at Elba library Monday, May 9

The Elba Public Library will be holding a Used Book Sale May 9 - 13, 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the library.

"The books are mostly adult and juvenile fiction," said Mrs. Doris Taylor, librarian.

The library is located at 808 Putnam St., in the old Dr. Kimmey Clinic.

## Prevention of elderly abuse is problem for all

The Coffee County Department of Human Resources reported this week that it would like to remind all area residents that abuse and ne-

glect of the elderly is a problem which cannot be adequately remedied without the help of the community.

## Brunson named VP at NSIC

W.L. (Bill) Brunson has been selected as an assistant vice president of National Security Insurance Company and its subsidiary National Security Fire and Casualty Company. It was announced last week by company officials.

Brunson, the son of the late Lester Brunson, the founder of National Security, and Mrs. Carolyn English Brunson, was elected at separate Board of Directors meetings held on April 21 and March 17, respectively.

Mr. Brunson received his B.S. in corporate finance from the University of Alabama in 1980 and his law degree in 1983 from the university's Law School. He joined the company's legal staff immediately upon graduation and is presently working

primarily with litigation-type claims and other general corporate legal matters for both companies.

A native of Elba, Brunson is married to the former Rhonda Baze-man, also of Elba.



**HAPPY MOTHERS DAY - MAY 8 !!!!**

Smith also reported that the child support collections in Coffee County were the highest ever recorded in the county. The high col-

lection rate, according to Smith, was due to the efforts of Judge Gary McAliley and Judge Tom Head, as well as the District Attorney's office.

Community Resources supervisor Glenda Smith reported that the video "How Can I Tell If I'm Really In Love" was shown to students and presentations were given to students regarding sexual abuse. Presentations were also given regarding communication and learning responsibility. Seventy-seven students saw the video about self-esteem and an AIDS video was shown to both students and a group of adults in their work place.

"Life skills were presented to a group of senior citizens," added Mrs. Smith, "and it was quite enjoyable. The energetic personalities of these senior citizens could be a

lesson to us all."

Mrs. Smith stated that a parenting skills class was started at the DeRamus Headstart Center in Enterprise and that the classes were being presented in conjunction with nutrition classes sponsored by the County Extension Office. One on one parenting skills training with parents in their homes is also being held, which provides new parents and parents with problems a chance to meet with experts and save their problems.

Food Stamp Office supervisor Debbie Jones reported that in March the office issued stamps to a total of 1,196 households, with the total number of people in the households being 3,043. The total value of the stamps was \$130,623.

Service Unit supervisor Cathie Hansen stated that during the past month the unit investigated a total of 29 cases, including 12 cases of possible physical abuse, 5 cases of possible sexual abuse and 12 possible cases of neglect.

"Anyone providing child care (babysitting) to unrelated children in their home is required to be licensed by our unit," added Hansen. "This licensing involves checking references, surveying the home and insuring safety guidelines are met. Parents who work should insist on licensed, quality day care for their children and can receive a list of licensed providers at the Human Resources office, in Elba.

Eligibility and Child Support supervisor Dianne Parker reported that eligibility workers attended the corrective action meeting for public assistance workers in March.

"These meetings are always enlightening as far as policy interpretation is concerned," stated Parker, "and it is always amazing how differently individuals and counties can interpret and apply the same policy in so many different ways and yet feel as if they were doing it according to policy. These meetings always give those in attendance a different perspective on certain policies and at the same time encourage a sense of unity throughout the state."

Parker also reported that during the past month total child support collections were \$44,529.68.

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